

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 28 has been amended as follows:

Experimental results have shown that with respect to the ~~SUS303~~ SUS302, even when load was applied, the hardness was kept at approximately ~~Hv290~~ 290HV and did not vary. On the other hand, with respect to the special steel material, as load was applied, the surface hardness increased. Where no load was applied, the hardness was approximately ~~Hv380~~ 380HV. In contrast, where a load of 5 tons was applied, the surface hardness was about Hv430 430HV. As shown in Fig. 4, for applied loads in the range 1.5 to 5 tons the surface hardness was in the range 400-430HV.